

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 - 34 (Canceled).

35. (Previously Presented) A re-configurable vehicle roof rack system comprising:

a collapsible storage surface movable between a first position and a second position, the collapsible storage surface having a closed position and a deployed position;

a first guide rail and a second guide rail affixed to the vehicle roof;

a first connecting member moveably affixed to the first guide rail and hingedly connected to the storage surface;

a second connecting member moveably affixed to the second guide rail and hingedly connected to the collapsible storage surface wherein the first and second connecting members slide along the first and second guide rails to move the storage surface between a first position generally coincident with a roof of a vehicle and a second position wherein the collapsible storage surface being generally coincident with a lateral side of a vehicle and while in the deployed position serve as a mounting surface on the side of a vehicle.

Claim 36 (Canceled).

37. (Currently Amended) The re-configurable vehicle roof rack system defined in claim [36 wherein the at least one mounting element further includes a recess for receiving a bungee cord]

35 further comprising a side element defining a recess for receiving a bungee cord.

38. (Currently Amended) The re-configurable vehicle roof rack system defined in claim [36] 35 further comprising a first track element and a second track element defining the lateral edges of the storage surface;

a hinge bar affixed between the first track element and the second track element; and

a collapsible rail hingedly affixed to the hinge bar wherein the collapsible rail folds down to provide for the mounting of oversized objects along the top of the vehicle when the storage surface is in the first position.

39. (Previously Presented) The re-configurable vehicle roof rack system defined in claim 38, wherein the collapsible rail is raised when the collapsible storage surface is deployed along the side of the vehicle whereby the collapsible is operative to vertically support objects mounted on the deployed storage surface.